



Proclamation

Whereas, Parkinson's disease is a chronic, degenerative neurological disease and is the second most common neurodegenerative disease in the United States; and

Whereas, the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research is dedicated to finding a cure for Parkinson's disease through an aggressively funded research agenda and to ensuring the development of improved therapies for those living with Parkinson's today; and

Whereas, there is inadequate data on the incidence and prevalence of Parkinson's disease, but it is estimated to affect nearly one million people in the United States, including more than 20,000 people in Oregon, and that number is expected to more than double by 2040; and

Whereas, Symptoms include tremors, stiffness and slow movement, difficulty swallowing, depression, sleep disorders, and dementia;

Whereas, it is estimated that 90,000 individuals are diagnosed annually with Parkinson's disease in North America, 50% higher than the 60,000 annual diagnoses that research previously suggested while it is estimated that more than 1.6 million people in the United States will be impacted by Parkinson's disease by 2037, at an estimated economic burden of \$58 billion annually; and

Whereas, there is no known cure or drug to slow or halt the progression of the disease, and available treatments are limited in their ability to address patients' medical needs and remain effective over time; and

Whereas, the City of Lafayette recognizes the efforts of the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research as it leverages its core values of optimism, urgency, resourcefulness, collaboration, accountability, and persistence in problem-solving to work on behalf of the 6 million people worldwide living with Parkinson's;

Whereas, increased research, education, and community support services are needed to find more effective treatments and to provide access to quality care to those living with the disease today;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby proclaim April 2024 to be

Parkinson's Awareness Month

Signed,


Hilary Malcomson, Mayor